

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion are postponed.

AUTHORIZING SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO FURNISH SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINES

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5671) to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish seasonal influenza vaccines to certain individuals, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5671

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO FURNISH SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINES TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS NOT ENROLLED IN PATIENT ENROLLMENT SYSTEM OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

Section 2 of the SAVE LIVES Act (Public Law 117-4; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended—

(1) by striking “a vaccine for COVID-19” each place it appears and inserting “a vaccine for COVID-19, a seasonal influenza vaccine, or both”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “and seasonal influenza vaccines” after “vaccines for COVID-19”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, seasonal influenza vaccines, or both” after “vaccines for COVID-19”;

(3) in subsection (d), by striking “VACCINE ALLOCATION” in the heading and inserting “COVID-19 VACCINE ALLOCATION”;

(4) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (f);

(5) by inserting after subsection (d) the following new subsection (e):

“(e) **LIMITATION ON FURNISHING SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE.**—A seasonal influenza vaccine may not be furnished under this section after April 29, 2022.”;

(6) in subsection (f), as so redesignated—

(A) by redesignating paragraph (6) as paragraph (7); and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following new paragraph:

“(6) **SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE.**—The term ‘seasonal influenza vaccine’ means any product that is—

“(A) approved by the Food and Drug Administration;

“(B) commercially available; and

“(C) recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the prevention of influenza in a particular season.”; and

(7) in the section heading by striking “VACCINE” and inserting “AND INFLUENZA VACCINES”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material on H.R. 5671, as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5671, as amended. Earlier this year, the SAVE LIVES Act was passed unanimously by both Chambers and signed into law. It has allowed VA to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to veterans, their caregivers, and spouses.

With flu season in full swing and COVID-19 continuing to burden our health systems, the urgency to provide both flu and COVID vaccines has never been greater. Public health officials are clear. It is completely safe to receive both inoculations, even at the same time.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I introduced this legislation to build on the lifesaving work of the SAVE LIVES Act and allow VA to administer flu vaccines in addition to COVID-19 vaccines to the same population. By providing easy access to both vaccines at the same time, I hope we can begin to reduce the burden on the broader healthcare system this winter.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely thank the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST), the ranking member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for working with me on this legislation in committee.

I ask all my colleagues here today to join this bipartisan effort and support this important legislation to increase access to both vaccines.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5671, as amended. This bill will authorize VA to give flu shots to certain nonveterans this flu season. Earlier this year, the chairman and I worked with the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs' colleagues to allow VA to vaccinate all veterans, as well as their spouses and certain caregivers against COVID-19.

The bill we are considering today would allow VA to provide flu vaccines to those individuals as well this flu season. Preventing a bad flu season this year is important for many reasons. It could help save lives, most importantly. It could help avoid adding further burden to the shoulders of the doctors and the nurses who have already sacrificed so much throughout this pandemic. It could also help ensure that COVID-19 recovery efforts stay on track as we continue to try to get back to life as we knew it before March 2020.

This is an important public health initiative and I am glad to support it today. I hope this bill will have the support of all of my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, and before asking all of my colleagues to join me in passing H.R. 5671, I truly believe that passing the SAVE LIVES Act and passing this legislation today, H.R. 5671 constitutes one of the best moments that I have had as chairman where all four corners of the Congress came together.

Ranking Member BOST, I know walked a very delicate balance to bring his Members together, but I appreciate his persuasive abilities with his side of the aisle.

Mr. Speaker, I want to encourage that we do this more, and I have no doubt that we really did save lives. And I have no doubt today that we are going to save lives because of this effort before us.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5671, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. KELLY of Illinois) at 6 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

COLONEL JOHN M. McHUGH TUITION FAIRNESS FOR SURVIVORS ACT OF 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1095) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the disapproval by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of courses of education offered by public institutions of higher learning that do not charge veterans the in-

State tuition rate for purposes of Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 424, nays 0, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 373]

YEAS—424

Adams	Cole	Granger
Aderholt	Comer	Graves (LA)
Aguilar	Connolly	Graves (MO)
Allen	Cooper	Green (TN)
Allred	Correa	Green, Al (TX)
Amodel	Costa	Greene (GA)
Armstrong	Courtney	Griffith
Arrington	Craig	Grijalva
Auchincloss	Crawford	Grothman
Axne	Crenshaw	Guest
Babin	Crist	Guthrie
Bacon	Crow	Hagedorn
Baird	Cuellar	Harder (CA)
Balderson	Curtis	Harris
Banks	Dauids (KS)	Harshbarger
Barr	Davidson	Hartzler
Barragán	Davis, Danny K.	Hayes
Bass	Davis, Rodney	Hern
Beatty	Dean	Herrell
Bentz	DeFazio	Hice (GA)
Bera	DeGette	Higgins (LA)
Bergman	DeLauro	Higgins (NY)
Beyer	DelBene	Hill
Bice (OK)	Delgado	Himes
Biggs	Demings	Hinson
Billirakis	DeSaulnier	Hollingsworth
Bishop (GA)	DesJarlais	Horsford
Bishop (NC)	Deutch	Houlahan
Blumenauer	Diaz-Balart	Hudson
Blunt Rochester	Dingell	Huffman
Boebert	Doggett	Huizenga
Bonamici	Donalds	Issa
Bost	Doyle, Michael	Jackson
Bourdeaux	F.	Jackson Lee
Bowman	Duncan	Jacobs (CA)
Boyle, Brendan	Dunn	Jacobs (NY)
F.	Ellzey	Jayapal
Brady	Emmer	Jeffries
Brooks	Escobar	Johnson (GA)
Brown (MD)	Eshoo	Johnson (LA)
Brown (OH)	Espallat	Johnson (OH)
Brownley	Estes	Johnson (SD)
Buchanan	Evans	Johnson (TX)
Buck	Fallon	Jones
Bucshon	Feenstra	Jordan
Budd	Ferguson	Joyce (OH)
Burchett	Fischbach	Joyce (PA)
Burgess	Fitzgerald	Kahele
Bush	Fitzpatrick	Kaptur
Bustos	Fleischmann	Katko
Calvert	Fletcher	Keating
Cammack	Fortenberry	Keller
Carbajal	Foster	Kelly (IL)
Cárdenas	Fox	Kelly (MS)
Carey	Frankel, Lois	Kelly (PA)
Carl	Franklin, C.	Khanna
Carson	Scott	Kildee
Carter (GA)	Fulcher	Kilmer
Carter (LA)	Gaetz	Kim (CA)
Carter (TX)	Gallagher	Kim (NJ)
Cartwright	Gallego	Kind
Case	Garamendi	Kinzing
Casten	Garbarino	Kirkpatrick
Castor (FL)	Garcia (CA)	Krishnamoorthi
Castro (TX)	Garcia (IL)	Kuster
Cawthorn	Garcia (TX)	Kustoff
Chabot	Gibbs	LaHood
Cheney	Jimenez	LaMalfa
Chu	Golden	Lamb
Cicilline	Gomez	Lamborn
Clark (MA)	Gonzales, Tony	Langevin
Clarke (NY)	Gonzalez (OH)	Larsen (WA)
Cleaver	Gonzalez,	Larson (CT)
Cline	Vicente	Latta
Cloud	Good (VA)	LaTurner
Clyburn	Gooden (TX)	Lawrence
Clyde	Gosar	Lawson (FL)
Cohen	Gottheimer	Lee (CA)

Lee (NV)	Ocasio-Cortez	Soto
Leger Fernandez	Omar	Spanberger
Lesko	Owens	Spartz
Letlow	Palazzo	Speier
Levin (CA)	Pallone	Stansbury
Levin (MI)	Palmer	Stanton
Lieu	Panetta	Stauber
Lofgren	Pappas	Steel
Long	Pascarell	Stefanik
Lowenthal	Payne	Steil
Lucas	Pence	Steube
Luetkemeyer	Perlmutter	Stevens
Luria	Peters	Stewart
Lynch	Pfluger	Strickland
Mace	Phillips	Suozzi
Malinowski	Pingree	Swalwell
Malliotakis	Pocan	Takano
Maloney,	Porter	Taylor
Carolyn B.	Posey	Tenney
Maloney, Sean	Pressley	Thompson (CA)
Mann	Price (NC)	Thompson (MS)
Manning	Quigley	Thompson (PA)
Massie	Raskin	
Mast	Reed	Tiffany
Matsui	Reschenthaler	Timmons
McBath	Rice (NY)	Titus
McCarthy	Rice (SC)	Tlaib
McCaul	Rodgers (WA)	Tonko
McClain	Rogers (AL)	Torres (CA)
McClintock	Rogers (KY)	Torres (NY)
McColum	Rose	Trahan
McEachin	Rosendale	Trone
Crist	Ross	Turner
McGovern	Rouzer	Underwood
McKinley	Roy	Upton
McNerney	Meeks	Valadao
Meeks	Roybal-Allard	Van Drew
Meijer	Ruiz	Van Dwyne
Meng	Ruppersberger	Vargas
Meuser	Rush	Veasey
Mfume	Rutherford	Velázquez
Miller (IL)	Ryan	Wagner
Miller (WV)	Salazar	Walberg
Miller-Meeks	Sánchez	Walorski
Moolenaar	Sarbanes	Walt
Mooney	Scalise	Wasserman
Moore (AL)	Scanlon	Schultz
Moore (UT)	Schakowsky	Waters
Moore (WI)	Schiff	Watson Coleman
Morelle	Schneider	Weber (TX)
Moulton	Schrader	Schrier
Mrvan	Schrier	Webster (FL)
Mullin	Schweikert	Welch
Murphy (FL)	Scott (VA)	Wenstrup
Murphy (NC)	Scott, Austin	Westerman
Nadler	Scott, David	Wexton
Napolitano	Sessions	Wild
Neal	Sewell	Williams (GA)
Neguse	Sherman	Williams (TX)
Nehls	Sherrill	Wilson (FL)
Newhouse	Sires	Wilson (SC)
Newman	Slotkin	Wittman
Norcross	Smith (MO)	Womack
Norman	Smith (NE)	Yarmuth
Nunes	Smith (NJ)	Young
O'Halleran	Smith (WA)	Zeldin
Obertolte	Smucker	

NOT VOTING—9

Butterfield	Hoyer	Perry
Gohmert	Loudermilk	Simpson
Herrera Beutler	McHenry	Vela

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Mr. STEWART changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE
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Aderholt	DeFazio (Brown	Green (TN)
(Moolenaar)	(MD))	(Timmons)
Billirakis	Deutch	Grijalva
(Fleischmann)	(Wasserman	(Stanton)
Blumenauer	Schultz)	Horsford (Allred)
(Beyer)	Garcia (IL)	Jacobs (NY)
Cicilline (Jones)	(Schakowsky)	(Garbarino)
Clarke (NY)	Gonzalez (OH)	Kirkpatrick
(Kelly (IL))	(LaHood)	(Stanton)
Crenshaw	Graves (MO)	Lawson (FL)
(Ellzey)	(Fleischmann)	(Evans)

Lesko (Joyce	Payne (Pallone)	Swalwell
(PA))	Pocan (Raskin)	(Gomez)
Long	Porter (Wexton)	Torres (NY)
(Fleischmann)	Pressley	(Auchincloss)
Lowenthal	(Bowman)	Underwood
(Beyer)	Rice (NY)	(Casten (IL))
Manning	(Murphy (FL))	Waltz (Salazar)
(Newman)	Roybal-Allard	Wilson (FL)
Matsui	(Carbajal)	(Hayes)
(Thompson	Ruiz (Aguilar)	Wilson (SC)
(CA))	Rush (Quigley)	(Norman)
McEachin	Smith (NJ) (Van	Yarmuth (Beyer)
(Wexton)	Drew)	

FOR THE PEOPLE

(Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, today we join with President Biden, Vice President HARRIS, Senators, Congressmen, mayors, and Governors to witness the signing of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

And do you know what? It was summed up as a BFD today, and indeed, it was. And it was summed up in a four-letter word, which is J-O-B-S, jobs. It will create so many jobs in our communities.

And once we finish with this bill, we are going to move on to do the Build Back Better bill because that is the bill for the people, para la gente.

I can't wait, Madam Speaker.

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HONORING RALPH STAFFINS, III

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ralph Staffins, III, for being named a member of Georgia Trend's 40 Under 40 Class of 2021.

Since receiving his master of public administration from Georgia College & State University, Ralph has passionately served businesses across the State of Georgia. Most recently, Ralph served as the president and CEO of the Brunswick Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce, working hard to maintain its status as one of the best-run chambers in the State of Georgia.

An important aspect of the chamber's success is preparing the next generation to be valuable members of the workforce. Serving on the boards of directors at the Coastal Pines Technical College and the Golden Isles College and Career Academy Foundation, Ralph is a committed advocate of workforce education. In every role, Ralph has worked to ensure that businesses and communities across the State flourished.

Ralph's dedication to his community is nothing short of remarkable. I am honored to recognize Ralph for this prestigious accomplishment, and I am thankful for his continued service throughout Georgia's First Congressional District.